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SUBJ: ATHENS PRESS COVERAGE OF RECENT CAGLAYANGIL INTERVIEW IN
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1. ELEFThEROS KOSMOS (ONE OF THREE GREEK-LANGUAGE DAILIES BEING PUBLISHED DURING PRESS STRIKE) CARRIED REPORT MAY 13 DATED LINED ANKARA OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL INTERVIEW WITH CUMHURIYET (PARA 3 REFTTEL). STORY HEADLINED "ACCORDING TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, RECOURSE TO THE HAGUE MAY NOT BE NECESSARY; POSSIBLE AGREEMENT AFTER CAGLAYANGIL/BITSIOS MEETING". IN ADDITION TO REPORTING CAGLAYANGIL'S EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING MIGHT OBVIATE NECESSITY OF SENDING CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE TO ICJ, REPORT ALSO CARRIES CAGLAYANGIL STATEMENT (IN REPLY TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION) THAT HIS TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE LIMITED TO SUBJECT OF AEGEAN BUT WILL ALSO COVER OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS INCLUDING CYPRUS.

2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS DAILY POST MAY 13 ALSO REPORTED
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SAME CAGLAYANGIL INTERVIEW BUT GAVE IT A DIFFERENT EMPHASIS.

POST REPORTED THAT CAGLAYANGI WAS QUOTED AS "RULING OUT A MEETING WITH BITSIOS UNLESS THEIR TALKS COVER WIDER RANGE OF ISSUES THAN AEGEAN". POST ALSO ALLEGED THAT MEETING BETWEEN TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD BEEN SET FOR MAY 18 IN GENEVA, BUT THAT CURRENT TURKISH LINE IS THAT DISAGREEMENT OVER AGENDA FOR TALKS HAS "CAST DOUBT ON WHEN AND WHERE THEY WILL BE HELD."
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